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HEARING SLATED FOR WILDERNESS PROPOSAL IN OREGON

A public hearing will be held at 9 a.m., May 2, in the courthouse at Burns, Ore., on studies that could lead to adding 78,434 acres in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to the National Wilderness Preservation System, the Department of the Interior has announced.

The two areas are the 48,317-acre Malheur Lake wilderness study unit and the 30,117 Harney Lake wilderness study unit, both in Harney County.

Information regarding the two areas may be obtained from the Manager, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 113, Burns, Ore. 97720, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Post Office Box 3737, Portland, Ore. 97208.

Written comments regarding the proposal also can be submitted to the regional director by May 2.

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife said the 184,872-acre Malheur Refuge is an outstanding area of open water, marshes, wild meadows, and woodland in which more than 200 species of birds and 50 species of mammals find haven.

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